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SUBJECT: AMERICAN MISSIONARY RELEASED BY KCIA

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1. AMERICAN METHODIST MISSIONARY GEORGE OGLE WAS RELEASED BY KCIA AT MID-DAY TODAY (OCTOBER 12). ACCORDING MOFA OGLE WAS RETURNED TO HIS HOME IN CAR OF KCIA ASSISTANT VICE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY YANG TU WON (AKA LEE SANG-HO). YANG, WHO FORMER STATION CHIEF IN WASHINGTON, WAS SENIOR KCIA OFFICER DIRECTLY HANDLING CASE.

2. OGLE'S RELEASE WAS DUE IN GOOD PART TO CONTINUING EMBASSY EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF. WHEN OGLE WAS NOT RELEASED LAST NIGHT AS INDICATED BY MOFA, AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING CALLED ACTING FORNMIN LHO TO ASK ABOUT STATUS OF OGLE AND POINT OUT PROBLEMS WHICH CONTINUED KCIA DETENTION OF OGLE COULD CAUSE SINCE HE HAD NOT BEEN CHARGED WITH ANY OFFENSE. LHO IMMEDIATELY TOOK MATTER UP AND AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED ASSURANCES BOTH FROM LHO AND GENERAL YANG IN MID-MORNING THAT OGLE WOULD BE RELEASED SHORTLY. AT NOON, AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED BY LHO THAT OGLE HAD BEEN RELEASED AND WAS BEING RETURNED TO HIS HOME. OGLE'S WIFE
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CONFIRMED THAT OGLE ARRIVED HOME.

3. KCIA OFFICERS AND LHO STRESSED TO EMBASSY THAT OGLE HAD NOT BEEN CHARGED OR ARRESTED AND THAT HIS PRESENCE AT KCIA HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN TO DISCUSS WITH HIM POLITICAL SITUATION AND BRIEF HIM ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE NATIONAL UNIFICATION LEAGUE CASE AND THE ASSOCIATION OF THE OLD TIME LEFTISTS WITH IT. KCIA OFFICERS STATED THAT OGLE WAS NOT MISTREATED AND HAD BEEN FED, PROVIDED SLEEPING FACILITIES, AND PERMITTED TO CALL HIS FAMILY. (IN MORNING TELEPHONE CALL FROM KCIA HEADQUARTERS TO HIS WIFE, OGLE SAID HE HAD ABOUT THREE HOURS SLEEP LAST NIGHT BUT DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE.)

4. AMERICAN PRESS IS NOW AWARE OF OGLE'S DETENTION. EMBASSY IS LIMITING THE RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES TO CONFIRMATION THAT WE KNEW OF THE CASE AND THAT WE HAD BEEN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH HIS FAMILY AND WITH ROKG AGENCIES ON THE MATTER.
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